audit at zonal level, provision of electronic meters on connected loads above 6 KVA, drive for checking theft of energy etc.

(vi) A Task Force has been set up to review the power supply position of Delhi during the summer months (May—September, 2002).

(vii) Commissioning of 400 KV Bamnauli-Ballabgarh section of 400 KV ring around Delhi by December, 2002 for reliability in power supply.

Pakistani Nationals overstaying in Kerala

*711. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Pakistani nationals overstaying in the State of Kerala and action taken for their extradition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): The Government of Kerala has reported that as on 10.5.2002, 408 Pak nationals are over-staying in that State. Of these, 128 are reportedly untraceable; the remaining 280 could not be deported for reasons like court orders and their petitions being under consideration.

The powers for detection and deportation of over-staying foreigners stand delegated to State Governments.

Scheme for rural electrification

*712. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new subsidy on interest scheme was launched or is proposed to be launched for State which would undertake development work of rural electrification;

(b) whether Central Government have introduced new scheme for upgradation of rural electrification and management; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) The Government of India have provided for a new interest subsidy scheme called the "Accelerated Rural Electrification Programme" (AREP) in the budget for the year 2002-03 with a provision of Rs. 164 crore.

It was resolved in the Chief Minister's Conference held on 3rd March, 2001 to complete village electrification by the end of 10th Plan *i.e.* by the year 2007 and the coverage of all households by the year 2012. In order to attain this objective rural electrification has been treated as a Basic Minimum Service and has been included under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) from the year 2001-02. Under this programme, Ministry of Finance on the recommendations of Ministry of Power have released an amount of Rs. 412.236 crores to the States during 2001-02. Ministry of Finance have also released an amount of Rs. 175 crores during 2001-02 under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) for rural electrification.

The Planning Commission have made an allocation of Rs. 2747.00 crores for all the six components of PMGY including rural electrification, as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for the year 2002-03. Under the revised guidelines of PMGY formulated by the Planning Commission, the States would have flexibility to decide the *inter-se* allocation of ACA among the six PMGY sectors, as per their own plan priorities and discretion. The Planning Commission have made a budget provision of Rs. 600 crore as ACA for rural electrification under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) for 2002-03.

In addition to this, Rural Electrification Corporation have formulated new schemes for electrification of dalit bastis and hamlets at lower rate of interest.

Loss of power during transmission

*713. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the general percentage of loss of power during transmission in the country;

(b) whether there is any acceptable level in this regard at the world level;